

The view from the Great Room  
Windows.  
all that land belongs to this Villa  
- Vineyards!



Gossip:

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Dr. and Mrs. George G. Nasmith have decided to leave town for an indefinite time and are renting their lower duplex. We feel we are not exaggerating when we say that this is one of the charm spots of our city. All who have ever been in it will bear us out. "The living room is the most restful room I have ever known," says a Toronto woman who has wandered the world over. The living room is, in truth, three rooms made into one. There is a dining-room, a sun-room, two bedrooms, telephone room and large halls, fireplace, oil heating, electric appliances for every known use and a delightful garden. The district is restricted. And the apartment will be rented furnished or unfurnished at a reasonable price. Please telephone Hud. 5606.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MRS. SCOTT.

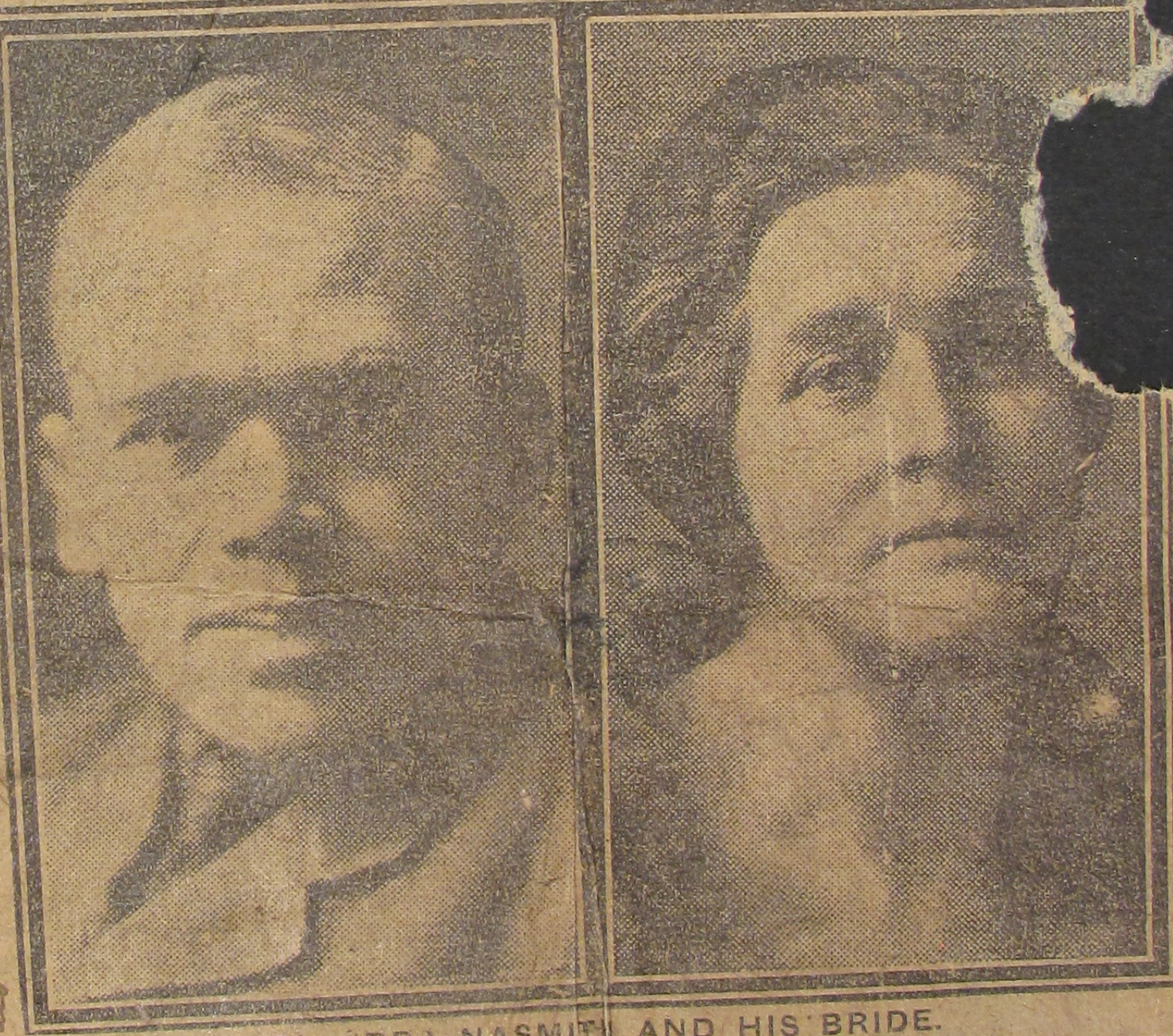
An intimate friend of the late Elizabeth Cunningham Scott, wife of the late Rev. James Scott of Owen Sound, who passed away on Saturday evening, January 23, at her late residence, "Woodland," Owen Sound, in her eighty-fourth year, writes as follows:

Mrs. Scott was born in Belfast, Ireland, on April 23, 1831, coming to Canada with her parents at the age of one on a sailing vessel, which took six weeks and three days to cross the Atlantic. She was an Irish gentlewoman of the old school, belonging to a race of sturdy, industrious, God-fearing people, who had as their motto, "Fork over, men, fork over"—men who served God and their King and tilled the land; women who loved their home and their children above all else. For over forty years Mrs. Scott had been a resident of Owen Sound, and her townspeople, neighbors and friends have yielded her back her cast bread of love. Of late years she had not been strong, but her room had always been the place sought for by her children, grandchildren and friends. Now she has passed to the place prepared for the children of God, and her faith has been justified by her life.

Four children predeceased her and four are still living, Miss Victoria and Mr. Joseph H. of Owen Sound, Mr. Alexander W. Scott of New York and Mrs. Scott Raff of this city.

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Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>  
1915.

#### PRINCIPALS IN A WAR-TIME WEDDING



COL. (DR.) NASMITH AND HIS BRIDE.

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday afternoon when, just before leaving the city to resume his duties at the front, Lt.-Col. Geo. G. Nasmith, C.M.G., was married to Mrs. Emma Scott-Raff, principal of the Margaret Eaton School of Expression. The ceremony, which was very quiet, and attended only by the immediate relatives, was performed by Ven. Archdeacon Cody, at St. Paul's Church, Bloor street east, at 4.55, just in time to allow the newly married couple to race to the Union Station and catch the train for New York. It came as a distinct surprise to all.

#### MARRIED.

NASMITH—SCOTT-RAFF — On Thursday, January 20, 1916, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, by Ven. Archdeacon H. J. Cody, Emma Scott-Raff to Lieut.-Col. George Gallie Nasmith, C.M.G., Toronto.

74.25.66





## People

A tall, urbane figure whose conversation is as wide-ranging as his interests, **ROBERT FENNEL, Q.C.** is a corporation lawyer whose name is as well known in the insurance, industrial and motor car world as in legal circles.

A classic example of the busy man who does many things superlatively well, he established his own law firm (now Fennell, McLean and Davis) in 1920, and for over three decades has played a stellar role in corporation law. He also is President and Director of Rootes Motors (Canada) Limited, of Rootes Motors Inc., and of the National Life Assurance Company of Canada, as well as director of The Canada Trust Company, and a Director and Member of the executive committee of St. Lawrence Corporation Limited.

A man who might have cut a commanding figure in the political world, he has chosen instead to promote the interests of his country and community in other ways. But in that service, his friends have detected at times traces of a genius not unlike that of the able politician—an unmistakable flair for dealing with people, for example, to say nothing of a sense of drama and a resonant voice. Very much the extrovert, he has a sense of timing and showmanship essential to all those who would play a successful part in public life.

The Fennell family came originally from the North of Ireland. Robert Fennell has the mercurial temperament, the easy humor and eloquence characteristic of people with a bit of Irish in them.

His father was a general merchant in Ottawa. There were three children in the family. Their home was in the small town of Carp, on the Ottawa river, in the midst of a lovely pastoral countryside. Because of this early environment, Robert Fennell never has become completely urbanized.

Merchandising did not attract any

### **ROBERT FENNEL, Q.C., President**

#### **Rootes Motors (Canada) Limited**

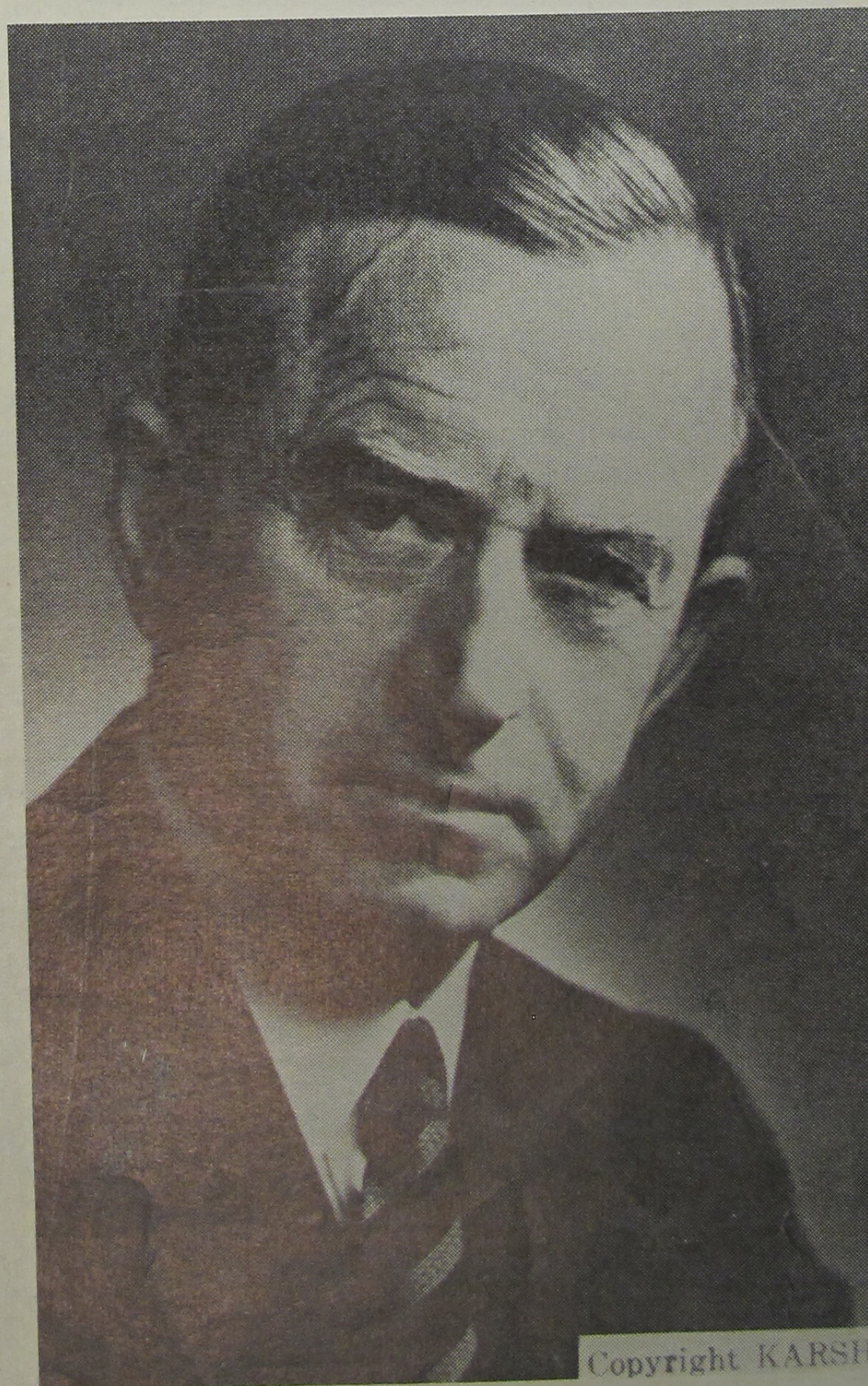
of the Fennell boys. The elder brother became a lawyer, practicing in Medicine Hat. Robert Fennell for some years cherished the hope of becoming a minister. If he is reticent about the two years he spent in the mission field in the west, this is because the experiences of that period in his life still are full of meaning for him. In his second year at Victoria College, however, he realized that he was more suited to the Bar than the pulpit, so he transferred to Osgoode Hall.

Just before the first World War, he

worked in a law office in Haileybury. Here he first breathed the heady atmosphere of the mining world, and heard the high and hopeful talk of zestful young miners. These made a profound impression on him—one that was to have a decisive influence on his days in years to come.

With the outbreak of the Great War, he went overseas with the Coburg Heavy Battery, serving as a gunner and receiving his commission in the field in 1917.

Although gassed on the field, he



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survived the bitter warfare of those years without other mishap. His elder brother, however, lost his life.

### **Called To Bar, 1918**

Returning to Canada, he was called to the Bar in November, 1918. For some time he continued his legal training with Alex Fasken, (of Dome and Nipissing), former President of Excelsior Life Insurance Company.

Then in 1920 he set up his own legal office.

Corporation law captured his interest from the first—although his friends think he might have been equally successful as a criminal lawyer. But he was keenly interested in the legal problems of business enterprise, and through corporation law work he gradually was drawn into various industrial organizations. His first directorship came in 1920, when he was invited to join the board of Toronto Carpet Manufacturing Company Limited.

Perhaps the most fascinating aspects of corporation law work lay in the creation of corporations for people from other countries — a field in which Robert Fennell's name has achieved high reputation. One of the earliest of these was Guatemala Plantations Limited, a company created by Lord Willingdon and his associates. (Eventually this was taken over by United Fruit Growers, largest company of its kind in the world.) This involved journeying to Guatemala in the early 'twenties.

Other corporation work led him to repeated visits to the United Kingdom. These resulted in a number of British companies establishing in Canada.

For many years, he strove to interest Britishers in development of Canadian natural resources.

### **Met Jack Hammell**

Years ago, when Robert Fennell was an able young lawyer, he met a grub-staker named Jack Hammell—now a legendary figure in Canadian mining. Their association proved mutually profitable. For years, Mr. Fennell was legal counsel for Pickle Crow and from 1938 to 1943 he was one of the directors of the company.

One of the decisive steps in his career took place in 1937, when he played an important part in the purchase of a leading life insurance company. In that year, he became second largest share-

holder and vice-president of the National Life Assurance Company.

This was a far-sighted move. During his fifteen year period of office, the insurance on the company's books more than doubled. It was logical therefore that following the President's death last year, he should become President of the company.

### **Has Model Farm**

Like his friend Sir William Rootes, Mr. Fennell takes great pride in fine livestock. On his 500 acre model farm near Lindsay he has been breeding Aberdeen-Angus cattle and pure bred Clydesdales for the past 16 years.

In 1940, one of his Aberdeen-Angus bulls won the Reserve Grand Championship at the Royal Winter Fair. In the same year, one of his Clydesdales won the Grand Championship of all purebred draught mares at the Fair.

During the war, 50,000 chickens a year were incubated on his farm for shipment to Britain.

Windsweep Farms, Ancona Point, on Sturgeon Lake is more than a show-place—it is also home and summer resort in one.

In addition to the four houses on the farm, there are four summer homes along the one and one half miles of Lake Sturgeon lakefront. Here his children and grandchildren assemble in summertime.

Each of his four children has been given a sixth interest in the farm, so their participation is as keen as his own.

An ardent skier, he shares love of this sport with his family. He had his children on skis by the time they were five years old. They have skied together a great deal both in Ontario and in the Laurentians in Quebec.

Photography is one of his hobbies, ever since he purchased Jay's Leica in the very early 'Twenties. His work has a professional quality—so much so that the Canadian Magazine once purchased a whole page of photos from him.

Like Winston Churchill, he also finds great relaxation and delight in oil painting, although he insists he is merely a "dauber."

Always active in civic affairs, he is a former president of the Toronto Board of Trade, to say nothing of the Empire Club.

In 1950, he headed an appeal by the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society for \$850,000. He served as campaign chairman.

During his fighting experience in Belgium in the first World War, the punishment inflicted on that country made a profound impression on him. He retained a strong interest in Belgium as a result.

### **Consul for Belgium**

During the war, he was consul in Toronto for Belgium, following the retirement from office of Charles Rochereau de la Sabliere.

He is a governor of the University of Toronto, and a former president of the United Welfare Chest of Toronto.

In 1944 he went on the board of the Royal Ontario Museum, and a year later became its chairman, a post he has held ever since. The Museum is a source of great pride to him, and it is one of his chief interests. He is proud of the fact that young people spent over 100,000 hours studying there last year, and that over half a million visitors poured through the buildings.

One of Toronto's proudest ornaments, the Museum fulfills a vital function as a potent educational medium for adults as well as students. He is proud of the active role it plays in the cultural life of the community. No one could be more opposed to the concept of a Museum as a mere resting place for relics, an old curiosity shop.

"As leisure hours increase, it is vitally important to create opportunities for constructive study and relaxation", he remarked recently. The Museum is a potent influence for good citizenship, in his mind, and he has worked tirelessly to make it so.

One subject that fails to awaken his interest are his own leisure prospects. He has no plans for years of retirement. "I hope I never stop working", he said not long ago.

Because he has tried always to identify his work with interests that are larger than his own, he has found it a source of unfailing zest.

High school students throughout Ontario are eligible to win \$2,000 in a letter-writing contest announced by Hon. Louis P. Cecile, Q.C., Minister of Travel and Publicity for the Province.

The contest is sponsored by Mr. Cecile's Department to encourage Ontario students to write letters inviting friends and relatives who live beyond Ontario, either in Canada or the U.S., to come to Ontario this year.



74.25.69

Nov 29th The Sea was  
magnificent today - such  
rollers I never saw. We  
are passing through the Gulf  
stream. I have spent 2 1/2  
days in my deck chair and  
had my lunch here.  
This is the cleanest boat I  
was ever on, no odor and  
the food is delicious and  
beautifully served. We have  
table No 22 which has  
beautiful roses adorning it.  
A lady sitting next to me is going  
to Jerusalem. A young man  
and his bride are planning to  
spend two months at La Jolla.  
Have just purchased the  
book and could not find it  
"Just like Dorothy would do"  
Ship Dad he is closer now  
in the library.



74.25.70

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Spent day on deck  
thinking of the wedding night  
away. Waterman and searching  
the Bulletin and wondering if  
the butlering was up for the Duke  
of our wedding or for American  
Thanksgiving - The Sea was rough  
and when I started to dress  
for dinner it was hard to  
manage. So ordered my dinner  
sent to cabin. Imagine my  
disappointment when Gordie came back  
with hat - plug hat - of orange  
and a Hapsolator one for me  
and all sorts of sugars. They  
celebrated at night a marvellous  
dinner with two gifts of wine one  
Our Captain had made his first  
appearance at table Champagne. The  
wedding service was heard  
by many who were present  
enough to be up at 6 A.M.



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in the library.







74.25.73

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1934

Met Captain ~~Mc~~ & after

"So sorry you have run into  
this" he said. "The weather  
we thought it was a  
bit rough but evidently  
they think it was rough  
for them or say so -

Went down to dinner. Then  
to see the movie of  
Our own Horrible Thing!

with some actors

The childrens lovely yellow  
Chrysanthemum are on the  
table. And look very lovely

The child came with them  
and then I signed several  
my very last one of

them. I am trying to find  
where we can get this

from if you do not hear  
from us or from you

"No news is good. Please  
our Slosson"





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